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March 22, 1988

Ms. Susan Swales 5HE-12
U.S. EPA - Region V
Waste Management Division
CERCLA Enforcement Section
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Ms. Swales:

Re: Ninth Avenue Dump; Gary, Indiana
U.S. Scrap; Chicago, Illinois

This is in response to Mary Gade's March 9, 1988 letter informing USX Corporation ("USX") that it is a potentially responsible party (PRP) in regards to the two above referenced sites. Ms. Gade's letter requests that USX inform the U.S. EPA of our willingness to perform or finance the various response activities the U.S. EPA intends to pursue at these two sites. USX has previously demonstrated through its cooperation at other Superfund sites its willingness to participate in technical studies and remedial cleanups. However, additional information was made available to USX before the decision was made to participate in those instances. We are presently reviewing our records to ascertain our involvement with either or both the Ninth Street Dump site and the U.S. Scrap site. Our information retrieved to date has not revealed any association with either facility. Consequently, we need to have the following information before agreeing to participate in the requested for funding of cleanup activities:

1. U.S. EPA records which indicate USX's alleged involvement with either or both of these sites.
2. The U.S. EPA's estimation of the total cleanup cost for both sites.
3. The participation of other PRP's in the work performed to date, and the willingness expressed by other PRP's to participate in the now requested for funding and activities.



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4. Whether the U.S. EPA intended to treat the Ninth Street Dump site in Gary, Indiana and the U.S. Scrap site in Chicago, Illinois, two ostensibly distinct units, as one entity for this Superfund activity, and, if so, the rationale for doing so.

It is our hope that you appreciate USX's need to be in an informed position about our potential liability before we make a commitment to perform or finance the activities outlined in your March 9, 1988 letter. Finally, we ask that any further communicating be directed to Mr. Leo M. Pruett (412) 433-2838 or myself (412) 433-2855.

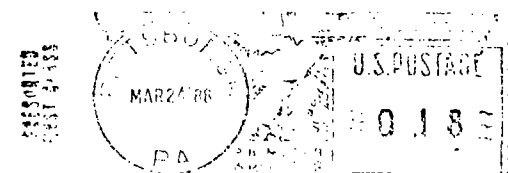
Very truly yours,

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